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City Councilmember Kwanza Hall and Midtown Neighbors Association announce master planning process for Midtown's Garden District



ATLANTA – On Thursday, January 28, 2016 at their annual meeting, Tony Rizzuto, President of the Midtown Neighbors Association, announced the launch of a master planning initiative for Midtown's Garden District. The Garden District lies between Piedmont Ave and the Atlanta Beltline. It includes the historic residential properties east of Piedmont Avenue, as well as commercial properties along Monroe Drive and Ponce De Leon Avenue.

The association is partnering with Atlanta City Councilmember Kwanza Hall on the project, which will be led by Atlanta design firm Lord Aeck Sargent. "This initiative will allow us to extend our efforts beyond the Midtown Improvement District (MID) and develop a truly comprehensive plan for the entire neighborhood, one that provides for consistent streetscapes, lighting, infrastructure and improved greenspace, for all

our residents,” said Rizzuto. “Lord Aeck Sargent has a long history of working in Midtown and their team understands the unique challenges we face. We are very excited to be working with them.”

“Midtown’s Garden District is the one remaining portion of intown Atlanta without a city-approved master plan,” said Hall. “All of the neighborhoods surrounding it have a plan. Given the dynamic quality of so much of intown Atlanta these days, it is important that we bring the community together now to envision the future of the Garden District.” Among the topics that will be discussed through the master plan process, according to Hall, are strategies for historic preservation; the desired character of new development in the neighborhood; bicycle and pedestrian access and safety; traffic and transportation; and greenspace.

The first community meeting for the Midtown Garden District Master Plan will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, at 7pm in the Grady High School cafeteria, 929 Charles Allen Drive NE, Atlanta 30309.

For further information, contact Councilmember Hall at (404) 330-6038 or khall@atlantaga.gov To learn more about the master plan and to keep up with its progress, visit the MNA website at www.midtownatlanta.org